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SUBJECT: UNCTAD IV-GROUP B OBSERVERS AND GROUP OF 77 MINISTERIAL
PREPARATORY CONFERENCE IN MANILA

1. RUMORS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING WITHIN GROUP B MEMBERS IN
GENEVA THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF DENMARK, NETHERLANDS AND
AUSTRIA HAVE REQUESTED OBSERVER STATUS AT THE GROUP OF
77 MINISTERIAL LEVEL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR UNCTAD IV
TO BE HELD IN MANILA IN FEBRUARY. US MISSION HAS CHECKED
WITH THE DELEGATES OF AUSTRIAN AND DANISH MISSIONS AND HAS DE-
TERMINED THE FOLLOWING: AUSTRIA-THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT,
NOT HAVING AN AMBASSADOR IN MANILA, IS CONSIDERING ASKING
ITS AMBASSADOR IN DJAKARTA TO BE PRESENT IN MANILA
TO COLLECT WHAT INFORMATION HE CAN ON THE OUTCOME OF THE
GROUP OF 77 MEETING, BUT NOT AS AN OBSERVER. DENMARK-THE
DANISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA WAS APPROACHED
BY AMBASSADOR BRILLANTES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND ASKED
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IF THE GOD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING AN OBSERVER AT

MANILA IF HE CAN CONVINCE THE GROUP OF 77 MINISTERS
ONCE THEY MEET IN MANILA TO EXTEND SUCH AN INVITATION.
THE DANISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE REFERRED THE QUESTION
TO HIS CAPITAL. NETHERLANDS-THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT
HAS SENT INQUIRIES THROUGH ITS EMBASSY TO NEW
ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND THE NORDIC COUNTRIES
ASKING THEM TO ASCERTAIN THE ATTITUDE OF THOSE GOVERN-
MENTS TOWARDS THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT SEEKING OBSERVER
STATUS AT THE MANILA CONFERENCE.

2. COMMENT: MANY MEMBERS OF GROUP B IN GENEVA HAVE
EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP
WOULD SEEK OBSERVER STATUS AT MANILA FOR FEAR THAT THIS
WOULD LEAD TO RECIPROCAL REQUESTS BY MEMBERS OF THE
GROUP OF 77 SEEKING OBSERVER STATUS AT THE OECD
PREPARATORY MEETINGS. THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE NO
OBJECTION TO ANY GROUP B MEMBER ATTENDING AT THE IN-
VITATION OF THE GROUP OF 77 WHICH SHOULD NOT GIVE RISE
TO A REQUEST FOR RECIPROCAL TREATMENT. THE U.S. MISSION
HAS SUGGESTED THAT GENEVA GROUP B SHOULD MEET SOON TO
DISCUSS REQUESTING THEIR INDIVIDUAL EMBASSIES IN MANILA
TO COORDINATE INFORMATION GATHERING ACTIVITIES IN MANILA
DURING THE COURSE OF THE GROUP OF 77 MEETING. DALE

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